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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT TO URUGUAY OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DIA

IN RESPONSE TO A DOD REQUEST FOR COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR A VISIT TO URUGUAY BY MGEN CRITTENBERGER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DIA FOR HUMAN RESOURCES, I HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CRITTENBERGER THROUGH DAO CHANNELS: "I HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO THE REQUEST FOR COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR YOUR PROJECTED JANUARY 28-30 VISIT TO URUGUAY. AS MUCH AS I WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY YOU UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES AS A POSITIVE ELEMENT OF CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS WITH THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY, I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS; THIS ESPECIALLY SINCE SUCH A VISIT AS WE SEE IT WOULD REQUIRED YOU TO CALL UPON THE MOD, THE SERVICE CINCS AND PROBABLY THE CHIEF OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. AS YOU KNOW THE URUGUAYAN ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN INVOLVED SINCE 1973 IN A NON-TRADITIONAL (FOR URUGUAY) INTERVENTION IN GOVERNMENT, EXERTING PREPONDERANT INFLUENCE ON CIVILIAN AUTHORITY AND NATIONAL POLICY IN ALL AREAS. ALSO, THE GOU HAS BEEN CHARGED FROM ABROAD, INCLUDING THE U.S., WITH VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. MOST SUCH CHARGES OF VIOLATIONS ARE DIRECTED AGAINST THE MILITARY DUE TO ITS ROLE IN MATTERS OF INTERNAL SECURITY. MOST OBSERVERS, I BELIEVE, WOULD TEND TO RELATE YOUR PRESENCE AND CONSULTATION TO THE AREAS OF INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, A FIELD OF ACTIVITY IN

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WHICH THE MILITARY'S ROLE IS LARGELY POLITICALLY ORIENTED FOR

DOMESTIC ENDS. YOU ARE, OF COURSE, AWARE THAT ALL ACTIVITIES
OF THIS EMBASSY, OR ITS SUPPOSED ACTIVITIES, ARE CAREFULLY SCRUNTIN-
IZED FOR POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE AND THE RESULTS OF SUCH 'ANALYSIS'
OFTEN UTILIZED IN WAYS NOT IN OUR INTERESTS. THUS, AS I BELIEVE
THAT THE NATURE OF YOUR VISIT WOULD BE MISREAD BY MANY AND DIS-
TORTED INTENTIONALLY BY OTHERS, I DO NOT CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE
IN THE ABSENCE OF COMPELLING PURPOSES. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT
CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES WILL MAKE POSSIBLE A FUTURE VISIT AS URUGUAY
IS A DELIGHTFUL COUNTRY TO WHICH WE WOULD ENJOY EXPOSING YOU.
MEANWHILE, DIA INTERESTS ARE BEING ADMIRABLY SERVED BY DATT COL.
RAUL GARIBAY."
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